

REMARKS

As of the Office action mailed May 17, 2004, claims 1-3 are pending in the application, with claim 1 being allowed and claims 2 and 3 being withdrawn from consideration.

As an initial matter, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the allowance of claim 1.

Drawing Objections

The drawings were objected to for not including a "line 2-2" referenced in the brief description of the drawings. The reference to "line 2-2" has been removed from the specification. Accordingly, this objection is believed to be overcome.

Objections to the Specification

The abstract was objected to for failing to comply with MPEP §608.01(b). The abstract has been amended herein to correct the defects therein. Specifically, the phrase "is provide, the method comprising" has been deleted from lines 1 and 2. Additionally, the term "comprising" in lines 2 and 3 has been replaced with the term --including--. In view of these amendments, it is believed that the objections to the abstract are overcome.

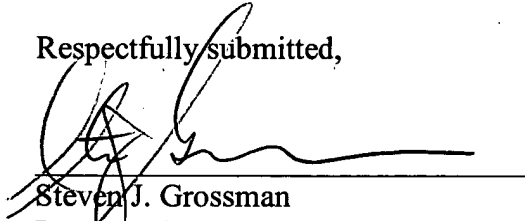
The specification was also objected to because the brief description of FIG. 2 made reference to a "line 2-2" which is not shown in the drawings. Reference to the "line 2-2" has been deleted from the specification. Accordingly, this objection is believed to be overcome.

Having overcome all of the outstanding rejections, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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